

to be appointed by the President of the Senate, three Members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and three persons to be appointed by the President of the United States, who because of their official positions are interested in the development of a commercial airport in the District of Columbia. No person shall serve on the Commission who has any financial interest direct or indirect in any site or sites for said airport which may be the subject of consideration. The Commission shall proceed immediately after its appointment and organization to examine all available data concerning potential sites for commercial airports and to inspect such potential sites, and shall select a site for such purpose with due regard to the cost of its acquisition and development, its safety, and its adaptability to the requirements of commercial aviation and national defense.

SEC. 2. The Commission shall preserve its decision and selection in confidence and shall make a confidential report thereon to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives if Congress is not in session: *Provided, however*, That said report shall be made as soon as practicable.

SEC. 3. The members of the Commission shall receive no salary as such, but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the discharge of official duties as such commissioners. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$10,000, to be charged one-half to the moneys in the Treasury to the credit of the District of Columbia and one-half to the moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, which shall be used for carrying out the purposes of this Act, including the employment of such experts and other assistants as the Commission may deem necessary.

Approved, April 21, 1936.

Confidential report to each House of Congress.

*Proviso.*  
Time limitation.

No salary; expenses allowed.

Appropriation authorized.

Employment of experts, etc.

#### [CHAPTER 244.]

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

Amending paragraph (4) of subsection (n) of section 12B of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended.

April 21, 1936.  
[S. J. Res. 230.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 83.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That paragraph (4) of subsection (n) of section 12B of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, is amended by striking out "July 1, 1936" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 1938".

Approved, April 21, 1936.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.  
Power to make loans, etc., to avert threatened loss, extended.  
*Ante*, p. 699.

#### [CHAPTER 245.]

#### AN ACT

To amend section 304 of the Revised Statutes, as amended.

April 24, 1936.  
[S. 3258.]  
[Public, No. 530.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 304 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U. S. C., sec. 144), is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 304. The Treasurer may, in his discretion, and with the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury, authorize the Assistant Treasurer to act in the place and discharge any or all of the duties of the Treasurer of the United States; and the Secretary of the Treasury may appoint from among the personnel of the Treasurer's Office any person to be Acting Treasurer during the absence or

Treasury Department.  
R. S., sec. 304, p. 51.  
U. S. C., p. 1364.

Acting Treasurer, appointment, duties, etc.

Special Assistant  
Treasurer, appoint-  
ment, authority, pay,  
etc.

illness of both the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer; and the Secretary of the Treasury may at any time, on the recommendation of the Treasurer, appoint from among the clerks in the Treasurer's Office any one or more of said clerks to be a Special Assistant Treasurer, with authority to sign certificates of deposit, checks, letters, telegrams, and other official documents in connection with the business of the Treasurer's Office, and who shall serve in this capacity without additional salary: *Provided, however,* That no appointments shall be made under the provisions of this section until the official bond given by the Treasurer shall be made in terms to cover and apply to the acts and defaults of every person appointed hereunder. Each person so appointed shall, moreover, for the time being, be subject to all the liabilities and penalties prescribed by law for the official misconduct in like cases of the Treasurer."

*Proviso.*  
Bond.

Official misconduct.

Approved, April 24, 1936.

[CHAPTER 246.]

AN ACT

April 24, 1936.  
[S. 3395.]  
[Public, No. 531.]

To authorize the acquisition of the railroad tracks, trestle, and right-of-way of the Gulf Power Company at the naval air station, Pensacola, Florida.

Pensacola, Fla.,  
naval air station.  
Acquisition of cer-  
tain property of Gulf  
Power Company, au-  
thorized.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the United States, free from encumbrance and without cost to the United States, all the right, title, and interest of the Gulf Power Company of Pensacola, Florida, in its railroad tracks located upon the United States Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida; its railroad trestle, including railroad tracks thereon, across Bayou Grande, beginning at the northern end of said trestle and extending across said Bayou Grande to the said naval air station; and its right-of-way forty feet wide upon which the northern end of said trestle is located, and extending from said northern end of the trestle to the north shore of said Bayou Grande, together with all sidings, equipment, and appurtenant structures.

Approved, April 24, 1936.

[CHAPTER 247.]

AN ACT

April 24, 1936.  
[S. 3669.]  
[Public, No. 532.]

Providing for the suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in the United States.

Public lands.  
Mining claims assess-  
ment work suspended,  
fiscal year 1936.  
R. S., sec. 2324, p. 426.  
U. S. C., p. 1333.

*Proviso.*  
Claimants not exempt  
from Federal income  
tax, excluded.

Notice to be filed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provision of section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which requires on each mining claim located, and until a patent has been issued therefor, not less than \$100 worth of labor to be performed or improvements aggregating such amount to be made each year, be, and the same is hereby, suspended as to all mining claims in the United States during the year beginning at 12 o'clock meridian July 1, 1935, and ending at 12 o'clock meridian July 1, 1936: *Provided,* That the provisions of this Act shall not apply in the case of any claimant not entitled to exemption from the payment of a Federal income tax for the taxable year 1935: *Provided further,* That every claimant of any such mining claim, in order to obtain the benefits of this Act, shall file, or cause to be filed, in the office where the location notice or certificate is recorded, on or before 12 o'clock meridian July 1, 1936, a notice of his desire to hold said mining claim under this Act, which notice shall state that the claimant, or